

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 851

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A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Joelle Phillips to the board of directors of the Tennessee education lottery corporation.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-51-101, provides for the creation of the Tennessee education lottery corporation; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-51-103, provides that the governor shall appoint seven (7) members to the board of directors of the Tennessee education lottery corporation; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Lee has appointed Joelle Phillips of Nashville to serve as a member of the board of directors of the Tennessee education lottery corporation for a term that will expire on June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Joelle Phillips has served as the president of AT&T Tennessee since 2013 and brings more than a decade of experience in the telecommunications industry and more than two decades of experience in the legal profession to her current position. As the president of AT&T Tennessee, she works closely with community and business leaders, elected officials, and her colleagues at AT&T to continue to bring advanced communications technologies to consumers and businesses; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Phillips serves as a board member for several community organizations, including Birmingham Southern College, Cheekwood, Leadership Nashville, and the Nashville Repertory Theatre; she is also a member of the steering committee for Nashville's Agenda; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining AT&T, Joelle Phillips practiced law with firms in Nashville and Atlanta and served as a judicial law clerk to U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Rhesa Hawkins Barksdale; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Ms. Phillips was recognized by the *Nashville Business Journal's* peer-selected Best of the Bar awards in the categories of corporate counsel as well as telecommunications specialist; and

WHEREAS, Joelle Phillips is a *summa cum laude* graduate of Washington and Lee University School of Law and holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Theatre from Birmingham-Southern College; and

WHEREAS, although she joined AT&T as an attorney, her interest in communications technology predates her work as a telecom lawyer; Ms. Phillips is a native of Auburn, Alabama, and her father, Dr. Sidney Neal James, taught electrical engineering at Auburn University for thirty-five years and worked with NASA and South Central Bell on telemetry and other communications issues; and

WHEREAS, Joelle Phillips is married to Brant Phillips, who is a partner with Nashville-based Bass, Berry and Sims Law Firm, where he is a member of the Executive Committee and co-chairs the Securities and Shareholder Litigation Practice Group; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-51-103(f), provides that each member appointed by the governor to the board of directors of the Tennessee education lottery corporation shall be confirmed by joint resolution of the general assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby confirm the appointment of Joelle Phillips of Nashville to the board of directors of the Tennessee education lottery corporation for a term that will expire on June 30, 2024.

